Vacant posts in the Ministry of science and technolgy

1080. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts lying vacant in the Ministry of Science and Technology during the period from 1984-85 to 1987-88;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in filling up these vacancies;

(c) by when these posts are likely to be filled up; and

(d) details of remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MNISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The total number of sanctioned, filled and vacant posts vary from time to time due to creation of new posts, retirements, transfers etc. In the Ministry of Science and Technology two new departments viz. Department of Scientific and Industrial Research and the Department of Bio-technology have been set-up with effect from 31-12-1984 and 27-2-1986 respectively. Consequently a number of new posts, both technical and non-technical were created during the period 1984-85 to 1987-88. Generally it takes about 6 to 12 months to fill up a posts from the date of its creation provided there is no general ban on the filling up of the post. The position of sanctioned, filled and vacant posts as on 1.4.1984 and 31.3.1988 in respect of the three departments of the Ministry of Science and Technology (excluding subordinate offices) is as follows:—

As on 1.4.1984

Sanctioned	Filled	Vacant
593	474	119

as on 31.3.1988.

Sanctioned	Filled	Vacant
883	629	254

(b) Till recently Gazetted scientific and technical posts were being filled through the Union Public Service Commission, whereas the secretarial posts are filled through the Union Public Service Commission| Staff Selection Commission. Delay in filling up the posts could be due to the time taken by UPSC|SSC for recruitment, completion of pre-appointment formalities like medical examination and police verification, candidates selected for appointment not joining after the issue of offer of appointment etc.

(c) and (d) With a view to expediting recruitment of scientific and technical personnel the Ministry of Science and Technology has been exempted from the purview of the UPSC. Action is in hand to fill up all the vacant Scientific and Technical posts. Vacancies in the secretarial and administrative cadres have been notified to the Department of Personnel and Training who are to take the recruitment action and allot suitable incumbents to the Ministry.

Vacant posts in the department of Atomic energy

1081. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts lying vacant in the Department of Atomic Energy during the period from 1984-85 to 1987-88;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in filling up these vacancies;

(c) by when these posts are likely to be filled up; and

(d) details of remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?